

Cat up a Tree?



Are you concerned about a cat stuck up a tree? The Oregon Humane Society's Technical Animal Rescue team routinely receives calls to aid cats stuck in trees. Cats often come down from the tree by themselves, but sometimes may climb too high and find themselves in a precarious situation. An arborist should be your first call to help get your cat out of a tree.

If you are concerned about a cat stuck up a tree, you should first attempt to find the owner of the cat, as the cat may respond best to its owner. Do not try to rescue the cat yourself, as scared cats will bite and scratch.

Instead, follow these steps to encourage a cat to come down:

- Monitor the cat's condition and keep track of the number of days the cat is in the tree
- Keep dogs away from the area surrounding the tree
- Encourage the cat to come down by
 - Calling to the cat
 - Shaking dry cat food in a bowl
 - Leaving an open can of tempting wet cat food near the tree
- Leaning a ladder against the tree at a safe angle; some cats may use the ladder to aid in coming down

When is it time to call for help:

- If the cat has an urgent medical condition requiring immediate treatment
- If the cat has been up in the tree more than 3 days
- If the cat has become too weak to climb down on his own

Who to call (they are in alpha order by City/Area):

In the Portland area, Arborscape Ltd., Inc., John Buttrell,
Phone: (360) 944-5124; cell (503) 572-6065, *would like to be your first call.*

Ashland, Oregon:

The Village Arborist, August Schilling
Phone: (541) 292-0767
Email: augdino@opendoor.com

Hooper Springs Tree Service, Matt Ison
Phone: (541) 488-1282

Albany and Corvallis, Oregon:

Arborist Jason Lovejoy
Phone: cell (541) 913-7592
Estimate: \$50-\$75
Email: ljbuddha@comcast.net

Bend, Oregon:

Arbor1 Tree Service LLC, Mike Donahue/ Chris Vaughan
Mike (541) 480-4223; Chris (541) 977-7494
Estimate: \$60-\$120
Email: info@arbor1.com

Canby/Oregon City, Oregon:

Tree Climbing Planet
attn. Tim Kovar
Oregon City / Canby
tim@treeclimbingplanet.com
(404) 313-0562
Estimate - \$100.00

Central Point, Oregon:

Southern Oregon Tree Company, Willie Gingg
Phone: (541) 772-0404
Estimate: \$50-\$100
Email: willie@sotreecare.com

Eugene, Oregon:

Pacific Tree Climbing Institute, Phone: 1-866-653-8733
Rob Miron (541) 337-5386; Jason Seppa (541)-337-6020
Estimate: \$50-\$100
Email: info@pacifictreeclimbing.com
Web: www.pacifictreeclimbing.com

Forest Grove, Hillsboro, West Portland, Oregon:

Forestry Works Tree Service
David Hunter (503) 319-0380
Estimate: \$85/hr
Email: ddhunterarborist@aol.com

Hood River, Oregon:

Arborist Ryan Cafferky (503) 819-1633
Estimate \$50-\$100
Email: lovetoclimb@hotmail.com

Manzanita, Oregon

Eco Logic Tree, LLC, David Sip
Phone: (503) 349-9984
Email: david@ecologictree.com
Web: www.ecologictree.com

Portland, Oregon:

Arborscape Ltd., Inc., John Buttrell
Phone: (360) 944-5124; cell (503) 572-6065
Estimate: \$50-\$100
Email: arborscape@juno.com

Arborist Clay Taylor
Phone: (503) 804-7868; cell (971) 998-6179
Email: tree@treecology.com

John O'Shea Consulting Arborist
Phone (503) 860-3055
Estimate: \$75
Email: banjoist@gmail.com
Web: www.im4trees.com

Overlook Tree Preservation
Kevin MacKenzie (503) 704-8024
Estimate: \$80-\$150
Email: Kevin@overlooktree.com
Web: www.overlooktree.com

Portland TreeScapes, Sean Kahrhoff
Phone: (503) 804-5945

Lake Oswego, Oregon:

Arborist Bob Stewert (503) 636-3743; cell (503) 803-6809
Estimate: \$75
Email: rbstewart@gmail.com

Salem, Oregon:

Elwood Tree Service Company, Elwood Newhouse
Phone: (503) 390-2838
Estimate: \$150
Email: ftreei@lproaxis.com

Vancouver, Washington:

Integrity Tree Care, John Eisenhower
Phone: (971) 235-4700
Estimate: \$75
Email: tlc4trees@yahoo.com

Information to provide when calling:

- Address and specific location of the tree
- Can you see the cat or are there branches blocking direct view
- Are there dogs in the yard
- How many days do you know the cat has been up the tree
- Are you the owner
- Are there power lines going through the tree
- Is the tree on your property
- How high up is the cat
- What kind of tree is it
- Is the tree climbable
 - How high is the lowest branch
 - Can a ladder reach the lowest branch

What OHSTAR may do: (503) 849-5655 message phone

- Provide you with other resources to contact
- Determine the safety of the rescue from the information you provide
- Send a scout to the scene to assess the rescue potential
- Inform you of what action the team may be able to take

Check out this web page for information on how to keep your cat from climbing that tree once he/she is brought down: <http://catadoptionteam.org/programs-resources/websites-with-answers/>.

The resources listed here are for your reference. You will want to check with several arborists to get the best price for the service. Please note that the Oregon Humane Society is unable to provide funding for any arborist services to remove your cat from a tree. Often times, friends and neighbors will pool together to pay to have a cat safely removed from a tree.